(*b*) if so, the rate at which it was purchased ;

(*c*) the Numbor of tonnes of sugar purchased that is with the Government at present ?

Sri B. VITTALDAS SHETTY (Minister of State for Food and Civil Supplies).—

(*a*) Yes, from the sugar months of December 1967 –January 1968, actual purchase commencing only from 1968.

(*b*) At Rs. 400 per quintal Ex-factory.

(*c*) Nil.

Closure of Departments of M. I. S. L.

205. Sri ABDUAL KHUDDUS ANWAR (Bhadravati).—

Will the Minister for Industries, Information and Publicity be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of departments closed down in Mysore Iron and Steel Limited, Bhadravathi Since 1962 ;

(*b*) whate happened to the staff working in those dapartments ?

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY (Minister for Industries Information and Publicity).—

(*a*) Four.

(*b*) They were transferred to the newsteel plant, alloy and specia steel plant and some of the existing departments against vacancies.

Joint Farming Societies

220. Sri N. G. HALAPPA (Channagiri).—

Will the Minister for Development be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the amount of loan advanced to the Joint Farming Socities in the State till 31st July 1968 ;

(*b*) the amount due for recovery and the amount recovered so far ;

(*c*) how the loan was utilised in improving the Food position in the state ;

(*d*) whether the Government has taken any security from these societies for the loan advanced and whether the security taken is adequate ;

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(*e*) whether the Government collected any foodgrains in the form of levy from such societies, if so, the quantites collected ;

(*f*) whether a good money of these societies are bogus societies ?

SRI P. M. NADGOUDA (Minister for Development).—

		Rs.	Ps.
(*a*) Total amount of loans advanced	...	44,19,550	00
(*b*) Amount due for recovery	...	9,72,097	13
Amount recovered so far	...	2,91,688	06
(*c*) Land improvement	...	12,62,693	00
Sinking of well	...	4,47,094	00
Pumpsets	...	3,26,189	00
Seeds and Fertilisers	...	5,04,226	00
Area cultivated	...	23,614	acres

Value of Food Production such Rs. 26,78,250
as Ragi, Jowar, Paddy and Wheat; etc.

(*d*) Adequate security has been taken. Charges have been created on the floating assets of the societies and on the lands pooled.

(*e*) Number of societies ... 20
Kind and Quantity
Jowar ... 105·00 Qtls.
Paddy ... 312·51 Qtls.
Wheat ... 500·00 Qtls.

(*f*) No.

Famine Relief Works

251. SRI H. PUTTADASA (Kanakapura).—

Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether Famine Relief works would be continued in the State :—

(*b*) if so, the items of works contemplated to be continued ;

(*c*) whether the construction of new Minor tanks and restoration of old ones would be among the relief works to be continued ?

SRI H. V. KOUJALGI (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) Generally no fresh works will be taken but funds permitting, works in progress will be brought to a safe stage with minimum outlay.

(*b*) and (*c*) Please see reply to clause (*a*).